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REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

THE CLAIMS

Claims 1, 2, 6, 8-10, 13-21, 24-26 and 28 have been canceled, without prejudice, and claims 32-53 have been added.

Claims 3-5, 7, 11, 12, 22, 23, 27 and 29-31 have been amended to respectively depend from and to better accord with new independent claims 32, 41, 50 and 52.

No new matter has been added, and it is respectfully requested that the amendments to the claims be approved and entered.

CLAIM FEE

The application was originally filed with 31 claims of which 5 were independent, and the appropriate claim fee was paid for such claims. The application now contains 34 claims, of which 4 are independent. Accordingly, a claim fee in the amount of \$150.00 for the addition of 3 extra claims in total is attached hereto. In addition, authorization is hereby given to charge any additional fees which may be determined to be required to Account No. 06-1378.

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THE PRIOR ART REJECTION

Claims 8-10, 12-17, 25, 26, 28, 29 and 31 were rejected under 35 USC 102 as being anticipated by USP 6,549,302 ("Takeda et al"), and claims 1-7, 11, 18-24, 27 and 30 were rejected under 35 USC 103 as being obvious in view of various combinations of Takeda et al, USP 6,084,688 ("Stumbo et al") and USP 6,307,545 ("Conrad et al"). These rejections, however, are respectfully traversed with respect to the claims as set forth hereinabove.

It is respectfully submitted that Takeda et al is directed to an image processing system in which paper manuscripts are read, and in which scanned document files may be combined or divided into pages.

It is respectfully submitted, however, that Takeda et al does not disclose, teach or suggest a display which displays a list window area and a palette window area in the manner of the present invention as recited in new independent claim 32 (and corresponding computer program claim 41). By contrast, Takeda et al merely discloses a document display screen as shown in Fig. 5, in which icons are displayed in a single window.

In addition, it is respectfully submitted that Takeda et al does not disclose, teach or suggest the features of the present invention as recited in new independent claim 32 (and corresponding computer program claim 41) whereby desired pages are picked up from of a plurality of pages of at least one

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selected registered document file, based on a designation of page icons/thumbnails in the palette window area corresponding to the desired pages, and whereby the picked up pages are unified to generate a new document file and a corresponding new document file icon/thumbnaill based on the picked up pages.

Still further, it is respectfully submitted that Takeda et al does not disclose, teach or suggest the features of the present invention as recited in new independent claim 50 (and corresponding computer program claim 52) whereby a stored document file is registered and page icons/thumbnails corresponding to a plurality of pages of the registered document file are displayed in the list window area, whereby a document file having a predetermined file format corresponding to the registered document file is created in accordance with the registration, and whereby a new document file is created based on the document file with the predetermined file format in accordance with an editing operation.

It is respectfully submitted, moreover, that Conrad et al merely discloses a method whereby an enclosure is selected in a first window to be opened in a temporary new window to allow a user to review the contents of the enclosure. As acknowledged by the Examiner on page 6 of the Office Action, however, Conrad et al does not disclose performing an editing operation of a document file in the manner of the claimed present invention.

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Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that Conrad et al clearly does not disclose, teach or suggest the above-identified features of the present invention of the present invention as recited in new independent claims 32, 41, 50 and 52.

And it is respectfully submitted that Stumbo et al has merely been cited for the disclosure of the PDF format.

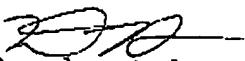
In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the claimed present invention as recited in new independent claims 32, 41, 50 and 52, and all of the claims respectively depending therefrom, clearly patentably distinguishes over Takeda et al, Conrad et al, and Stumbo et al, taken singly or in any combination, under 35 USC 102 as well as under 35 USC 103.

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Entry of this Amendment, allowance of the claims and the passing of this application to issue are respectfully solicited.

If the Examiner has any comments, questions, objections or recommendations, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned for prompt action.

Respectfully submitted,


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